

CITY OF CANAL WINCHESTER

COMMUNITY CONNECTION NEWSLETTER



A Message from the Mayor

Bring on the sunshine and warmer weather! The last two months have brought us some of the coldest, grayest days we have experienced here in quite a while, and I think we are all ready to move on and welcome spring-like weather. The daylight hours are getting a little longer and with daylight saving time coming up on March 13th, we can look forward to enjoying more time outdoors in the evenings. Already I have seen an increase in the number of people walking and running on our paths and sidewalks – a sign that spring is just around the corner!

A lot has been happening in Canal Winchester over the last few months. The new municipal complex is nearing completion at the Bob McDorman Building, 45 E. Waterloo St., and we anticipate moving in mid to late-March. The building will house a new Community Center, new office spaces for various departments, and a new City Council chamber for public meetings. When the existing Community Center is demolished in late March, it will be replaced with a parking lot to make visiting our historic downtown easier for residents and visitors alike. An open house will be scheduled soon for everyone to come and take a look around, so watch for an official announcement of that date in the coming weeks.

Construction crews have been working on and off at McGill Park throughout the winter months and have made a noticeable difference for Phase I. The first shelter house is completed, and a decorative fence is set along the roadway that not only looks great but will also keep soccer balls and players off of the road. Entryway and parking lot lights have been installed, and work continues on the playground area which will soon be ready for use. Additionally, the Walnut Creek Trail was opened late last fall and travels from the covered bridge into the park about three quarters of a mile. When fully completed, the trail will lead further into the park and connect with the internal trail system already in place, making a complete loop back to the Walnut Creek Trail.

Speaking of construction, our 2022 Street Program list has been finalized. We are planning to make several improvements around town, including Streams End Dr., Edgewater Dr., and Creekside Crossing in Ashbrook Village. We will work on Dietz Dr. between Connor Dr. and Greens View Dr. in the Villages of Westchester. We also plan to do maintenance and sealing of the bike path along W. Waterloo from Washington St. to Chesterville Dr. If possible, we hope to work on Trine St., too, between Waterloo and the railroad tracks.

With spring just around the corner, I want to remind you of some activities to mark on your calendar. April 16th is the annual Community Egg Hunt. This event is normally held at Hanners Park, but we hope to host it at McGill Park this year if the April showers can hold off and keep the slightly unstable surface dry and usable. Remember the hunt begins promptly at 10 AM so arrive early! We will host a Community Backyards Conservation Workshop on April 23rd at 10 AM in the new Community Center. By participating in this workshop, eligible residents can receive a rebate for adding a rain barrel, compost bin, or select native plants/shrubs to their yards. May 7th is the annual Street Tree Giveaway in Stradley Park from 9 – 11 AM where residents can claim a free tree or shrub for their home. Check out the full list of spring/early summer events below, or visit the website for more details. There will be a lot of activities in Canal Winchester this year including the return of the Blues & Ribfest on July 29th and 30th, and the 100th Annual Canal Winchester Labor Day Festival on September 3rd, 4th, and 5th. The Canal Winchester Labor Day Festival is the oldest and largest Labor Day Festival in Ohio – maybe even the United States! I hope to see you at all of these fantastic events and more.

Last but not least, I don't want to forget telling you about the best street crew imaginable. With help from the water and wastewater departments, they worked around the clock for days on end to keep our streets useable, and did it through some of the worst winter conditions imaginable for plowing and salting. They told me the conditions would have been better if we had received 3 feet of snow instead of the ice. But what else do we expect from the greatest city staff in **"The Greatest Little City in Ohio"**.


Mayor Mike

DID YOU KNOW...

The city used **42,250 lights** over the holiday season?

-Park Trees: 9,600

-Light Poles: 30,300

-Buildings & Covered Bridge: 2,350



Important Dates

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| March 7 City Council Meeting | May 2 City Council |
| March 21 City Council Meeting | May 7 Annual CW Tree Giveaway |
| April 4 City Council Meeting | May 16 City Council Meeting |
| April 15 City Offices Closed—Good Friday | May 18 Kris Sims Memorial Relay for Life Dinner |
| April 16 Community Egg Hunt | May 20 Music in the Park, Touch-A-Truck |
| April 18 City Council Meeting | May 21 Destination: CW Art Stroll |
| April 23 Free Workshop: Community Backyards | May 28 CW Farmer's Market Season Opening |

All events are tentative and subject to change. Visit our website for more details and event listings.

City Officials Tour Rumpke MRF

Earlier this year, City staff and elected officials had the opportunity to tour the Rumpke Material Recovery Facility (MRF) in Columbus. The facility processes single stream (mixed) recyclables from 36 counties in Ohio, including Canal Winchester. Guests got to see recycling technology in action as thousands of pounds of recyclables are delivered, mechanically sorted, baled, and shipped to end users. Having partnered with Rumpke for over a year now, it was fascinating to see how the materials that our residents recycle can be turned into new materials right here in Ohio!

Here are a few fun facts we learned along the way:

- A corrugated cardboard box will be recycled into another box in just 3-5 days.
- The MRF processes 147,000 tons of products a year, and they're still only at 85% capacity.
- The plant stops 5-6 times a day to remove "tanglers" like plastic bags that jam up operations.
- Paper makes up more than half of the recycling stream.
- Every landfill job = approximately 17 recycling jobs.
- 80% of the products stay in Ohio, and nearly 100% stays in the USA.
- Glass items are sent to a special facility in Dayton to be recycled—the only one of it's kind in OH.



Above: Matt Peoples, Director of Public Service; Bob Clark, Council Member; Ashley Ward, Council Member; Chuck Milliken, Council Member; Mike Ebert, Mayor; Patrick Shea, Council Member; and Amanda Jackson, Finance Director stand in front of bricks of recycled material. Each brick holds approximately 40,000 aluminum cans.

Left: Logan Miller, Rumpke Region Recycling Manager; Jill Amos, Council Member; Laurie Amick, Council Member; and Taylor Greely, Rumpke Municipal & Public Sector Business stand in front of materials waiting to be sorted and processed at the MRF facility in Columbus.

Rumpke Expands Acceptable Recycling Items List

In early February, Rumpke announced they were adding disposable plastic, aluminum, and paper cups to their list of acceptable materials. Examples of acceptable cups include paper and plastic beverage cups from fast-food restaurants (Starbucks, McDonalds, etc.), plastic souvenir cups, and Ball brand aluminum cups. Colorful plastic party cups such as SOLO cups are not accepted.

Recycle These

Combine recyclables unbagged in your recycling container. No need to separate.

PLASTICS
Bottles, jugs, tubs and cups

Reattach lid. Yogurt and fruit cups OK.

PAPER

Cardboard should fit inside cart.

GLASS BOTTLES & JARS

Any color.

METAL CANS & CUPS

Non-hazardous, non-flammable material only.

CARTONS

Remove caps and straws.

Not These

- Plastic bags
- Hazardous material such as batteries
- Tanglers such as clothing, dog leashes & garden hoses
- Scrap metal, including pots & pans

Visit www.rumpke.com to learn more about our recycling program. Visit your local Solid Waste District to find where you can dispose of hazardous material.

Rumpke Q2 Bills

Per our contract with Rumpke, there is a price adjustment for fluctuating fuel prices. CW residents will notice a slight increase in their next bills due to the elevated fuel prices. For more information, contact Rumpke directly.

New Faces at the City

The City of Canal Winchester welcomed two new staff members in February!



Liz Rodawalt joins us as the **Administrative Assistant** for the Development Department. Liz lives in Canal Winchester with her husband and two children. Prior to joining the City, she worked for the local school district as a paraprofessional and substitute teacher. Liz is excited to be engaged with her community in a new way through this position.



Adriana McPherson serves as the new **Community Center Coordinator**. She is a recent grad from Ohio University and currently lives in Lancaster with her husband. Adriana looks forward to branching out into the community, meeting new people, and offering new opportunities for residents.

TAX REMINDER

Canal Winchester has a mandatory filing requirement for municipal income taxes, regardless if you work in CW or not. File these taxes through RITA before the April 18 deadline.